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I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of county commissioner in the Third district of Box Butte county, Nebraska, subject to the approval of the democratic voters at the primaries, July 18, 1922.

I am a good roads enthusiast, and I know conditions in the county thoroughly. I believe in being guided by the will of the majority in all matters of road location. I pledge my best efforts for a business-like administration of county affairs, and have but one other plank in my platform—equality and justice for all.

J. R. LAWRENCE.

BLACKROOT

The Farmers' Union met last Saturday night to discuss the potato growers association.

Mr. and Mrs. John Samy spent Saturday at the Flaherty home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Samy and Flaherty's spent Sunday at the Joe Romer home.

Dale Henderson and Bernard Flaherty helped to scrape the ball diamond Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hookham and Mr. and Mrs. Cal Leis and family visited at the Roy Grosse home last Sunday.

Arthur Powell's and Frank McCarty's families have been sick with the smallpox during the last two weeks.

Clifford McCarty, who has been working for Mr. Sheldon, took sick with the small pox Friday. He went to his home Sunday.

M. A. Sheidon and Al McCarty motored to Scottsbluff Friday.

The members of the Liberty local are busy working on a program which is to be given with a box supper in the near future.

These items were delayed last week on account of the storm.

Merle Sheldon is reported on the sick list the later part of the week, but is improved at the time of his writing.

Mrs. C. H. Henderson of Curley, and Miss Gladys Shank were visitors at the Flaherty home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grosse and family and Mrs. Robert Mitchell visited at the Ivor Meeker home Sunday.

Jay Hall moved his household goods back to his ranch last week.

FOWLING

The Kilpatrick's are expecting a big shipment of two train loads of cattle next week.

Will Roes and brother Arley motored to Alliance Saturday on business.

Mrs. Sarah Langford is staying in town doctoring with the chiropractor. She expects to stay at least a month.

Miss Sadie Wilkins was an Alliance caller Thursday taking the Eighth grade examinations.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurlburt entertained Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hookham at Sunday dinner.

Mrs. Stella Hall closed a very successful team of school in the Johnson-McCart district last week. School was closed a couple of weeks sooner on account of smallpox.

Harley Brooks left the Blackroot ranch last week.

James Eaton was an Alliance caller Friday.

Mrs. Dick Henderson very pleasantly entertained Miss Roberts at her home Friday night and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Hurlburt marketed seventy-two dozen eggs in Alliance Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Elsea and son spent Saturday at the Brus home visiting.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the dance to be given at the Wilkins' home, Saturday night, May 6.

"Scotty" Henderson and son, Jake, were business callers in Alliance Monday.

Mrs. Peterson and children were callers at the Laursen home Monday.

Mrs. A. J. Elsea is spending a few days visiting in Hemingford and Alliance and having dental work done.

A couple of men from the river are hauling seed potatoes from the Fred Hauling place.

BOX BUTTE LED THE STATE IN POTATO ACREAGE

BUT YIELD NOT EQUAL TO RECORDS OF OTHER COUNTIES

Seven Western Nebraska Counties Produce Over Half of Spuds Grown in Nebraska

In 1921 Box Butte county led all counties of the state with an acreage of 17,774, which averaged 80 bushels per acre. Sheridan county was second with 11,266 acres averaging 85 bushels per acre. Scottsbluff county ranked third in acreage, first in acre yield and second in total production, the acreage of 6,520 averaging 164 bushels per acre. Sioux and Brown counties ranked fourth and fifth respectively in acreage and Sioux ranked second in quantity grown per acre with an average yield of 145 bushels. Each year in Nebraska, approximately 100,000 acres of land are devoted to the growing of potatoes, the crop being grown to some extent in every county in the state.

The commercial crop is, however, produced within three well defined areas, known as the western, south central and northern central districts.

The western potato district of Nebraska comprises the counties of Sheridan, Dawes, Sioux, Box Butte, Scottsbluff, Morrill and Kimball and produces annually about 5,000,000 bushels of potatoes or five-eighths of the state's total crop. This represents the yield from approximately 50,000 or but one-sixteenth of the land actually under cultivation in those counties. Fully 50 per cent of the tillable land in this district is still in native sod waiting to be brought under cultivation.

The fact that this district is coming forward in the production of potatoes is not due to any chance factors. There are several natural advantages of the district which are directly responsible. One of these is the high elevation, ranging as it does from 2,500 to 5,000 feet above sea level. This insures cool nights and uniform low average daily temperatures during the growing season. Another factor is the soil. It is deep, loose and well drained, which makes possible the storing of abundant moisture and the free development of tubers. Irrigation is also to be considered. There are about 215,000 acres in this district under irrigation at the present time, the greater part of which lies in the North Platte valley. Considerable acreage will yet be brought under the ditch.

Seed Spuds Are Superior

In keen competition with many other competitors, seed potatoes from Nebraska have shown that they are of superior quality as regards both production per acre and freedom from disease. This fact has caused potato growers in such states as Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Missouri to look with extreme favor upon the Nebraska product. Shipments of potatoes have gone into fifteen different states in increasing numbers each year.

According to the state department of agriculture, two seed potato districts in the state have been developed and have established an enviable reputation. The fact that the seed from these districts is grown at high altitudes and low daily temperatures, insures a vitality that is not obtainable at lower elevations.

A Production of 8 Million Bushels

Recent statistics issued by the state department show that Nebraska produces annually more than 8,000,000 bushels of potatoes with an average value to the growers of from 90c to \$1.00 per bushel. The two general commercial crops grown in the state are an early crop grown in the central and eastern portions and a late crop of both seed and table stock, grown in the western section.

A study of the soil types in relation to the growing of potatoes is of interest. Such a study in Nebraska reveals the fact that the prevailing soil types over the potato growing districts may be classed as silt loam. Such soils insure good drainage and easy cultivation, two factors which are necessary for the successful growing of potatoes. Where proper crop rotations are practiced, commercial fertilizers are not necessary.

Potatoes Vs. Other Crops

As proof of the fact that the potato industry is a real one in the western district it need only be said that the total value of the potato crop in the seven counties of this district is more than the value of the wheat, oats, corn and rye crops combined although the actual acreage devoted to these crops is eleven times as great as the potato acreage. In 1921 the average returns per acre for the potatoes was \$93.00 compared with a return of \$7.60 per acre for the wheat, corn, oats and rye. The value of the potato crop was \$4,601,124.00 and of the combined crops of wheat, corn, oats and rye was \$4,267,951.00.

Commercial Grading Pays

Nebraska enjoys the distinction of being the first state in the union to adopt a compulsory potato grading law. This was done with the realization of the fact that like all other perishable products, potatoes require careful handling and grading in order to meet the market demands. The law requires the sorting and grading of each carlot shipment of potatoes originating in the state and provides for the inspection of each shipment at point of origin by a representative of the state department of agriculture who issues a certificate of inspection giving detailed information regarding size, quality and condition of shipment.

During the season of 1921-22, 4,330 of such inspections were made. Careful grading assures size, soundness, freedom from culls and results in satisfied customers.

Storage is a factor which affects only the late potato crop growers. Good storage serves two purposes. It makes it possible to lengthen the marketing season for the crop and also furnishes a more uniform supply to the consuming markets. It also insures a minimum waste from loss of moisture and decay. For the farmer who wants to get his crop out of the way of an early freeze a cellar of the "dug out" type serves the purpose very nicely, furnishing a maximum of space at a minimum of cost.

Future Potato Prospects

With more than 6,000 Nebraska farmers selling potatoes each year and with 40 to 50 per cent of the crop each year going to market, the importance of the potato industry is at once apparent.

With an active membership of 400 enrolled the Nebraska Potato Improvement association is helping to develop interest in the industry by holding conventions and potato shows. The extension service of the college of agriculture, co-operating with the Federal Department of Agriculture furnishes a specialist in the seed certification work and with the state department of agriculture besides enforcing the potato grading law, issues daily market reports.

The daily consumption of potatoes in this country amounts to over 1,000,000 bushels and the potatoes marketed in Nebraska each year would feed the people of the U. S. only four days. The potato crop can be grown successfully only in limited areas and Nebraska with comparatively cheap land that may be used for potato growing offers wonderful possibilities both in growing table stock and in the production of certified seed.

American Legion Notes

"FACTS—NOT OPINIONS"

Thousands of daisies will be worn on Memorial day by patriotic Nebraska citizens. The American Legion and its auxiliary have many orders for these flowers and are filling them as fast as possible to procure them.

The daisy is now the official flower of the American Legion and will be sold Memorial day as a means for raising funds to decorate the graves of American soldiers. It is planned to decorate both the graves of the veterans who sleep in France as well as those in cemeteries at home.

These flowers are made in the United States and all the profit goes direct to the Legion for its flower fund. The flowers are bought from the manufacturer by state headquarters and distributed to the post and auxiliary chapters.

The Legion no longer favors the poppy as a memorial flower because of the fact that agricultural interests were afraid it might become a nuisance as a weed, like it has done in France. Another reason for the American Legion discontinuing the use of this flower was because certain organizations were trying to commercialize it and use the profits for private purposes.

Nebraska legion posts are raising a fund to help decorate the graves of soldiers who rest in France. The state should send several hundred dollars if it fills its quota. Thirty dollars have already been sent to state headquarters and Legion officials feel that Nebraska Legionnaires will meet this sacred obligation long before Memorial day.

Hanging in the room which Marshal Koch of France has reserved in his home for the thousands of presents he received while touring the United States under the auspices of the Legion are the keys to seven of America's largest cities. All the gifts which America bestowed on the Marshal are in his "American room" except the famous Montana bob cut which now paces a cage in the Paris Zoological gardens.

American Legion state headquarters will soon have a small radio sending set installed in their Lincoln headquarters. This will be used temporarily until the big broadcasting set can be secured. The college of engineers of the state university is assisting the Legion in this work.

Their own hero's death from old war wounds has caused a Des Moines, Ia., family to send a request to the American Legion for an ex-service man for adoption.

Hundreds of ex-gobs who raked out mines in the North sea during the world war want to re-enlist, but in Prohibition Commissioner Haynes' "hooch navy." Four submarine chasers are being put in commission at Baltimore, Md., and when completed

will form a navy that will wage war on run runners.

According to information received here from the land office at Carson City, Nev., the Newlands project will be open for entry from April 23 to July 27. Ex-service men and women of the world war will have a preference right for ninety days. Time spent in service, up to two years, will be deducted from the total residence time required of the homesteader.

The fourth of July celebration at North Platte, famous for years over this section, will this year be in the hands of the American Legion. Full privileges have been granted the local post for the use of the race track belonging to the fair association. Purses aggregating \$6,500 will be hung up and such drivers as King Riley, Ira Vail and Ellenbow will enter the auto races. The American Automobile association has assured the Legionnaires that their purse ranks sixth in size in the United States and that many of the country's best dirt track drivers will take part. J. J. Caldwell is handling local arrangements.

The veterans bureau is urging all ex-service men who have been gassed and who find it difficult to speak

apply for medical examination at once. Tumors on the vocal cords are appearing in many cases. Several of which were operated on in time are completely cured.

Through a plan developed by G. L. Shumway a part of the Scottsbluff monument became a memorial to the boys of this vicinity and country who gave their lives in the world war. Several thousand trees have been given by the national forest at Halsey. These trees consist chiefly of jack and yellow pines with a few junipers and Russian olives.

A number of boulders and rocks have been picked out and named for the boys and around each of these were planted a group of trees. The rocks were marked with names and brief service records of the departed boys.

Poison gas inhaled by American soldiers in France is beginning to show its effects by causing service men to lose their voices, investigation by the United States veterans' bureau at Washington shows. The bureau has asked the American Legion to inform gassed veterans whose ability to speak is becoming impaired to report to the nearest bureau physician for examination.

The first successful surgical operation upon a veteran suffering from a tumor on the vocal cords as a result of exposure to the gas has just been reported by the bureau. The former soldier is Brigadier General Roy V. Hoffman, Oklahoma City, Okl., attorney who practically lost his voice. General Hoffman's voice is now completely restored as a result of the operation, performed by Dr. Chevalier Jackson, Philadelphia, the bureau announces. It adds that a large number of young veterans have recently been found to be suffering from tumors of the vocal cords, apparently in their inception. The growth prevents vibration of the cords, due to pressure, and thus affects the voice.

The Legion is asked to spread the information and to get service men suffering from a growing inability to speak to go before Veterans' bureau doctors for prompt examination. If the case warrants, the bureau announces, the former soldiers will be sent east for operations.

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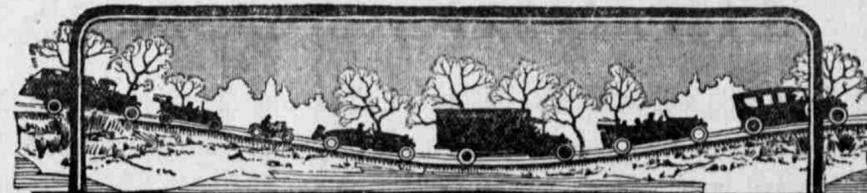
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